

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A memory circuit apparatus comprising:
 - a plurality of memory cells connected to a plurality of bit lines and word lines;
 - 5 an access circuit connected to the plurality of bit lines and word lines to select predetermined memory cells from the plurality of memory cells in response to an address signal;
 - 10 a precharge circuit which precharges the bit lines connected to the memory cells selected by the access circuit at the time of a read mode;
 - 15 a common source line connected to a plurality of selected memory cells selected by the access circuit;
 - 20 a source line potential control circuit to connect the common source line to a ground node at a predetermined timing; and
 - 25 a discharge circuit which discharges the bit lines connected to non-selected memory cells other than the selected memory cells.
2. The memory circuit apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the discharge circuit is connected to the bit lines connected to the non-selected memory cells, and includes a plurality of discharge transistors to fix these bit lines at a ground potential.
3. The memory circuit apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the discharge circuit includes a

decoder circuit which receives the address signal and a discharge permission signal as inputs and which produces an on signal to be supplied to the discharge transistors.

5 4. The memory circuit apparatus according to claim 1, wherein one end of the bit line is connected to a precharge power supply via the access circuit and precharge circuit, and the other end of the bit line is connected to a ground node via the memory cell and the source line potential control circuit.

10 5. The memory circuit apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the source line potential control circuit includes a switching device controlled to turn on/off by a source line potential control signal, and connects the source line to the ground potential, when the switching device turns on.

15 6. The memory circuit apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the memory cell comprises a nonvolatile memory cell constituting E²PROM.

20 7. The memory circuit apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the memory cell comprises a MOS transistor in which a source is selectively connected to a drain via a metal wiring, and constitutes a NOR type MROM.

25 8. The memory circuit apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the memory cell comprises a MOS transistor in which a source is selectively connected

to a drain via a metal wiring, and constitutes a NAND type MROM.

9. The memory circuit apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein the access circuit includes a column
5 decoder which selects a predetermined bit line by an
input address signal, and the discharge circuit
supplies an off signal to a discharge transistor
connected to a predetermined bit line selected by the
same input address signal as that of the column
10 decoder.

10. The memory circuit apparatus according to
claim 9, wherein the discharge circuit includes a
decode circuit which produces the same decoded output
as that of the column decoder, and an inverter which
15 reverses a polarity of the output of the decode
circuit.

11. The memory circuit apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein the plurality of memory cells are
grouped/divided in a plurality of memory blocks, and
20 the memory cells in each block are further
grouped/divided into a plurality of words.